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If Measure Q passes, it might deter companies from coming to San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly's genetically altered field crops would be exempt if it passes.

Measure Q could impact Cal Poly

Nicole Stivers
MUSTANG DAILY

What will it mean for Cal Poly if Measure Q is passed Nov. 2?

Measure Q would prohibit the propagation, cultivation or growth of genetically modified organisms unless it is under controlled laboratory settings.

Although exempt from the prohibitions of the ballot measure, faculty and students have expressed concern about the indirect impact Cal Poly could experience.

"It would be ironic for a measure like this to pass in a city where we have a polytechnic university," biotechnology professor Susan Elrod said.

Cal Poly and licensed health care practitioners would be exempt, as long as research and education involving genetically engineered organisms takes place under controlled laboratory conditions.

Animal science professor, Dan Peterson said if the measure is passed it will send a global message that "we

in San Luis Obispo reject technology out of fear."

"It'll have a bad indirect influence on our economy and lifestyle," Peterson said.

Peterson and Elrod said they think the measure may deter companies and faculty from coming to the area. They said they are worried about the effects this could have on Cal Poly and its students.

The measure could impact students' education as they will lose the advantage of hands-on learning, plant

biotechnology professor Jeff Wong said.

He and other faculty in the department are involved with plant breeding and genetic modification. Wong grows field crops at Cal Poly that have been genetically altered. He and lecturer Craig McMillian sold genetically modified corn at Farmers' Market a few weeks ago.

Wong said Cal Poly's genetically altered field crops would remain exempt as they are on state property.

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Poly media to offer live election coverage

Melissa L. Dorcak
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It's "all hands on deck" for broadcast journalism students Tuesday as CPTV, KCPR, and KVEC prepare to offer live coverage of the 2004 elections.

They will be the only news organization on the Central Coast to offer the coverage on cable television and AM and FM radio, journalism professor and CPTV and KCPR adviser John Soares said.

"You can expect to see the most localized coverage," Soares said.

Student journalists will be filing live reports from different campaign headquarters to the government center, where it will be broadcast live to the county on channel 19, and to campus via channel nine. The broadcast will also air on KCPR 91.3 FM and KVEC 920 AM.

"It's a great opportunity for students to get experience with live field producing and live field reporting," Soares said.

He also said that students from

Cuesta College will help with the election coverage in an effort to integrate their program.

"What we're trying to do is put together a newscast that will encompass most of the San Luis Obispo area's local candidates," said Marissa Meisenheimer, journalism senior and co-producer for Tuesday's program.

The news organization will cover all aspects of the elections, not just voting results.

Soares said reporters will poll voters as they exit the voting booths, interview people about their opinions and consult with political experts.

"It's amazing that we're even capable of doing this," Meisenheimer said. "A year ago this wouldn't have been possible."

She also said that outside assistance has been extremely helpful. AGP Media is supplying all the equipment for the elections coverage. Michael Passarelli, a supervisor for SLO County Public Access television, is helping with interviews.

The station offers a one-hour program three nights per week, Thursday's at 8 p.m. Zilo TV and National Lampoon have joined the line up and feature "eclectic syndicated programs that offer entertain-

ment and information that appeals to a younger demographic," Soares said.

Zilo TV airs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively. National Lampoon airs at 10 p.m. on Wednesdays.



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CPTV, KCPR and KVEC will offer live coverage of the election on Tuesday. Most of the coverage will be on local candidates.

Governor vetoes education

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger ignores the CFA and the CSU's recommendations

Emily Logan
MUSTANG DAILY

Throughout the month of September, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed bills that were

considered important by the California Faculty Association and the California State University system.

"For the bills that CFA supported, we felt that the current laws didn't go far enough," CFA Communications Director Alice Sunshine said.

One bill vetoed was sponsored by the CFA. Assembly Bill 2339 would have prevented the CSU Board of Trustees, the University of California Board of Regents and the State Board of Education from meeting on the same day.

"Part of the problem is that the UC has prestige and a lot of the officers end up going to that meeting instead of ours," Sunshine said.

On Schwarzenegger's Web site, he explained his reason for vetoing the bill.

"The bill is unnecessary," he said. "I see no reason why a bill needs to be enacted into law that dictates the coordination of meeting schedules."

But Sunshine said Schwarzenegger missed the point.

"For whatever reason, the meetings frequently end up being on the same day," she said. "There's no law that requires that, but the fact that it happens is a problem."

Sunshine said CFA is considering re-submitting the bill.

Among other bills that were vetoed was AB 2637, which would have allowed colleges to hire professionals to investigate misuse of funds reported by employees.

In regard to this bill, Schwarzenegger said "The existing statutory and CSU Executive Order frameworks provide adequate protection for those that believe that they have been retaliated against for having reported improper activities."

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UC Davis prevails in final seconds, 36-33

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f-Stop coffee shop is hidden sanctuary

Play Nintendo, take a nap or get a caffeine fix

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WEATHER REPORT

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If the ballot measure passes, Wong does not think he will grow his crops out in the open anymore and students will lose out as a result.

Wong values the freedom of being able to take his students out of the classroom and into the fields to see genetically modified crops first-hand. For agriculture students, the outdoor land becomes a "living laboratory." Wong is able to apply different methods and techniques to growing the crops, which he then teaches to students.

"I would have to think if I'd really want to grow it here," Wong said. "I want to be a good neighbor. I don't want to be seen as taking advantage of an exemption."

One option he would consider is growing crops in a green house, although it would not be the same learning environment. He would need to introduce elements normally occurring in a natural setting. He said the elimination of the outdoor laborato-

ries would be "like taking a tool out of his toolbox."

"If I decide to be a good neighbor I might not be able to demonstrate the modern production techniques of agriculture," Wong said. "I won't be able to show students how things work and why they work."

He and other faculty members in his position may choose to pursue research with faculty at other universities in counties considered "genetically engineering friendly."

Wong said he thinks this could lead to a loss of grant money coming into Cal Poly for research of this type.

"If you feel you have a constraint put upon you, you may find some other place to go," Wong said.

Peterson can also foresee the passage of the ballot measure having a negative impact on Cal Poly. In his research he investigates the relationship between nutrients and gene function and how to change gene function to maximize nutrients.

Peterson said companies in the biotechnology field are interested in San Luis Obispo County because it is

a nice area for employees to live. But if the ballot measure passes, these companies may not be as inclined to come to San Luis Obispo.

"If a company was thinking about coming here, and Measure Q passes, they might think twice," Elrod said.

Jan Haynes and her husband Ron, a Cal Poly graduate, started a biotechnology company in San Luis Obispo in the early 1990s. Their medical firm, FzioMed, will not be directly impacted if the measure passes. However, Jan Haynes said that the measure sends a negative message.

"It says this is a community that's adverse to biotechnology and not welcoming to companies," Haynes said.

When asked if she and her husband would have started their business here if the measure had already been in place, she said, "We definitely would have been deterred."

Haynes said she had hoped to create a strong base for the biotechnology industry in the county. She expected this kind of environment to create good paying jobs and internships for Cal Poly students.

"It's important for companies to have a sympathetic and encouraging infrastructure," Haynes said.

Both Peterson and Haynes said they are worried about the impact the measure may have on the chance for students to gain internship experience. If companies involved in biotechnology aren't interested in coming to San Luis Obispo, students will have to find other alternatives.

"The students learning these techniques in my labs, classes and research won't have the opportunity to apply the knowledge locally," Peterson said.

Haynes said she thinks this will create a discouraging learning environment.

"Students could learn a skill on campus and it would be illegal off campus."

Future employers, like FzioMed, see internships as an essential element of a student's learning experience. Students may need to take time off of school to pursue internships around the state rather than completing an internship while they are taking classes.

If the ballot measure passes,

Peterson said, "It'll seal the fate on that kind of convenience."

Ryan Middleton, biotechnology club president and a biology senior, is concerned about his future after graduation.

"This particularly affects microbiology and cell biology students because it would virtually eliminate internships within these fields of research in the county. Students will have to leave the county in order to find work after graduation," Middleton said.

The lack of biotechnology companies in the county could also affect faculty.

Elrod said some faculty in the College of Science and Mathematics contract with local biotechnology companies. They either collaborate with company employees or receive funding for their research. Other faculty may wish to start their own company based on research findings. In both cases, faculty members may ultimately choose to leave the area and go to another university if the ballot measure passes.

Veto

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A bill that was considered important to the CFA was AB 2387, which would have allowed the CSU and UC systems to consider race, gender and ethnicity in admissions.

"It probably wouldn't be a huge issue except that they are going to have to turn students away," said Sunshine. "We need to maintain a diverse student population and all

kinds of things factor in."

Schwarzenegger wrote, "Since the provisions of this bill would likely be ruled as unconstitutional, they would be more appropriately addressed through a change to the State Constitution."

The governor did pass two bills that had to do with the transfer process from community colleges to a CSU. Senate Bill 1415 requires CSU and community colleges to have a common numbering system for

courses. SB 1785 requires the CSU system to develop clear transfer requirements for high demand courses.

However, CFA did not get what they were hoping for, said Sunshine.

"There were seven bills that CFA highlighted to our members," she said. "We were monitoring close to 150 bills."


On the CFA Web site, President John Travis said, "This confirms what we already knew the governor is not

a friend of higher education and labor."

Manzar Foroohar, history professor and CFA president for Cal Poly, said she thinks the governor could be doing a lot more to help the CSU system.

"If we had a more supportive governor, we would be getting a larger budget," she said.

To find out more about CFA or the recently vetoed bills, visit www.calfac.org or www.schwarzenegger.com.



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STATE NEWS

VENTURA — Police plan to remove the transients who live along the Ventura River and find them shelter beginning in December because of concerns that heavy rains will be a hazard for those living in shacks and tents.

As many as 150 dwellers inhabit a two-mile stretch of the riverbed west of Ventura, where homeless

have lived since World War II. Two were killed by floodwaters from storms in the 1990s.

TORRANCE — A man suspected of robbing 26 banks in Los Angeles County since his release from federal prison earlier this year has been arrested, officials said.

David Lee Robinson, 53, was taken into custody Saturday after police matched him with a suspect

description and stopped his car in Torrance, finding evidence of previous bank heists such as partial demand notes. Robinson allegedly took more than \$70,000 in a series of holdups since Aug. 19.

LOS ANGELES — A real estate developer who helped funnel more than \$300,000 to Mayor James Hahn and his political campaigns is the subject of a criminal

investigation by federal authorities for his alleged role in a mortgage scam.

Mark Alan Abrams, 43, is accused of orchestrating a scheme to obtain \$140 million in home mortgages in some of the city's wealthiest areas through loans based on artificially high real estate appraisals, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

MIAMI — In the closing hours of their bitter campaigns, President Bush and Sen. John Kerry charged through the critical battlegrounds of Florida and Ohio on Sunday, going from hushed church services to raucous campaign rallies with promises to keep America safe. Kerry said that if elected he would

undertake an unprecedented "flurry of activity" to protect national security that would include quick Cabinet appointments.

"I'm going to make America safer, and I have some very strong and real steps to take quite immediately to make that happen," Kerry told The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON — A shortage of at least 500,000 poll workers

nationwide means many voters could face long lines, cranky volunteers, polling places that don't open or close on schedule and the chance that results won't be known until long after the polls are closed.

Roughly 1.4 million people have been trained to serve as poll workers on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — The World Health Organization has called an

unprecedented summit meeting of flu vaccine makers and nations to expand plans for dealing with the growing threat of a flu pandemic.

Sixteen vaccine companies and health officials from around the world already have agreed to attend the summit next week in Geneva, Switzerland, said Klaus Stohr, influenza chief of the United Nations' health agency.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Militants released a video Sunday showing three frightened foreign U.N. hostages pleading for their release and threatened to kill them unless U.N. and British troops leave Afghanistan and Muslim prisoners are freed from U.S. jails. In the tape, the hostages — Annetta

Flanagan of Northern Ireland, Filipino diplomat Angelito Nayan and Shqipe Habibi of Kosovo — are shown sitting hunched together against the bare wall of a room in an undisclosed location.

KIEV, Ukraine — Opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko, a reformer who advocates pushing Ukraine closer to Western Europe, won the most votes Sunday in

Ukraine's presidential election but fell short of a first-round victory, according to an exit poll.

The vote was seen as a key test of democracy in this nation of 48 million people and as an indicator of what direction Ukrainians will choose for their nation, which has cultivated ties with the West and neighboring Russia.

VIENNA, Austria — Iraq is

awash in weapons sites — some large, others small; some guarded, others not.

Even after the U.S. military secured some 400,000 tons of munitions, as many as 250,000 tons remain unaccounted for. Attention has focused on the al-Qaqa site south of Baghdad, where 377 tons of explosives are believed to have gone missing.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — A man wearing a John Kerry T-shirt and President Bush mask at an election office was charged with disorderly conduct for breaking a law that bans campaigning outside polling places, police said.

Kevin Dodds also was charged with the seldom-enforced crime of wearing a mask. A Georgia law aimed at the Ku Klux Klan makes it illegal to wear masks except on "holidays and special occasions."

The case started Friday, the last day of Georgia's early voting period, when Dodds' wife went to vote accompanied by an infant wearing a Kerry-Edwards shirt. Poll workers asked the woman to turn the child's shirt inside out so she could remain and vote, but she allegedly refused and left.

Later that day, Kevin Dodds went to the polling place saying he wanted to protest the objection to the baby's shirt. A police report said Dodds stood outside screaming, sometimes using foul language, and refused requests to take off his mask.

When Dodds, 35, was arrested, he "reeked of alcohol," said police Sgt. Chris Robinson. State law prohibits campaigning within 150 feet of a polling site.

—Associated Press

THIS WEEK

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Governor tours state, targets long list of propositions

Beth Fouhy
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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Fresh off a high-profile campaign trip to Ohio for President Bush, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger returned to California for a final weekend of campaigning before Tuesday's election.

The governor began a two-day bus tour of the state Saturday by speaking out about several of the 16 initiatives on the California ballot. He drew some of the most emotional responses when criticizing Proposition 66, an initiative that seeks to amend the state's "three-strikes" sentencing law.

Critics of the initiative said it would allow thousands of violent offenders to be freed from the state prison system.

"Proposition 66 is a bad idea," he told a rally in Anaheim, where the audience booed to show their disapproval of the measure. "It would let thousands of child molesters, rapists and murderers out of our prisons and into your neighborhoods."

The initiative would alter the 10-year-old three-strikes law, which mandates a 25 years-to-life sentence for anyone who has been convicted of two serious or violent felonies and is then convicted of a third felony, even if it's for a nonviolent offense.

Critics of the law say it has led to long prison terms for people who do not pose a serious threat to society. Earlier polls showed a solid majority of voters favoring the effort to soften the law, but a late surge in anti-initiative advertising and campaigning has eroded that support.

Schwarzenegger has begun running television ads opposing it, while law enforcement officers and district attorneys across the state have begun speaking out against it.

A Field Poll released Saturday showed support for Proposition 66 at 55 percent, but that represents a dramatic drop from just a few weeks ago when nearly two-thirds of voters favored the measure.

The measure would shorten the list of felonies that trigger the third strike, removing crimes such as making criminal threats and robbing an unoccupied residence. It also would make inmates eligible for resentencing if their third strike wasn't a serious or violent crime. Schwarzenegger has said the measure would "favor the criminals instead of the victims."

The governor's bus tour began in Del Mar in north San Diego County, before heading to Anaheim and then Bakersfield, where he was to attend a barbecue sponsored by Republican congressman Bill Thomas.

In previous weeks, Schwarzenegger has invested most of his political capital in trying to defeat Propositions 68 and 70, ballot measures that would expand the scope of casino gambling in the state.

Recent polls show both measures facing likely defeat, allowing the

governor to focus his attention on other initiatives.

"There is a wrong way to vote and a right way to vote," Schwarzenegger told a boisterous rally in Anaheim. "You have to vote the right way."

With so many measures on the ballot, several voters said they are looking toward the governor's positions to help them decide how to cast their votes.

"But for Arnold Schwarzenegger, I wouldn't know about Proposition 66 and what a deceitful campaign it's been," said San Diego resident Jill Fisher, who attended the Del Mar event.

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"I really wanted to see him and know where he stands," said Frances

Gangitano, who attended the rally with her husband. "He has enormous presence. I love the man — I hope that one day he can be president."

In Anaheim and Del Mar, Schwarzenegger ticked through the list of propositions included on a brightly colored voter guide mailed earlier this month to 5 million households in the state, most of them going to registered Republicans.

Among the initiatives he favors: Proposition 1A to protect revenue for local government; Proposition 64, which would limit unfair competition lawsuits; and Proposition 69, which would create a DNA databank for accused and convicted felons.

Schwarzenegger is also urging a no vote on Proposition 72, which would require medium and large-sized employers to provide health coverage for workers. He has said such a requirement will be a drain on the state's businesses at a time when California is trying to retain jobs and attract new companies.

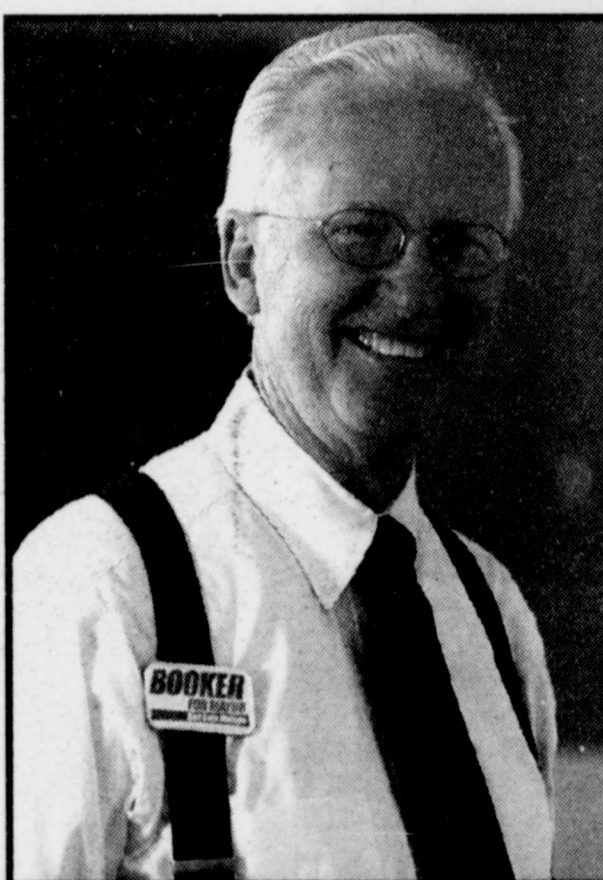
"Prop. 72 would force many Californians into one huge government bureaucracy. It will drive businesses away from California and cost many jobs," he said in Del Mar.

Schwarzenegger acknowledged problems with the nation's health care system but said, "You don't want to solve one big mess with another big mess."

Left off his list was mention of Proposition 71, which would direct the state to borrow \$3 billion to fund stem cell research. Schwarzenegger has endorsed the measure against the wishes of the state Republican Party, which spent \$2 million to print and mail the voter guides.

Aides said the governor was not concerned about his influence being diluted because he was taking stands on so many of the ballot propositions.

"He has a position on those initiatives and wanted voters to know, but there's an emphasis on certain issues to prevent the dilution from taking place," said the governor's communications director, Rob Stutzman.



Dave Booker

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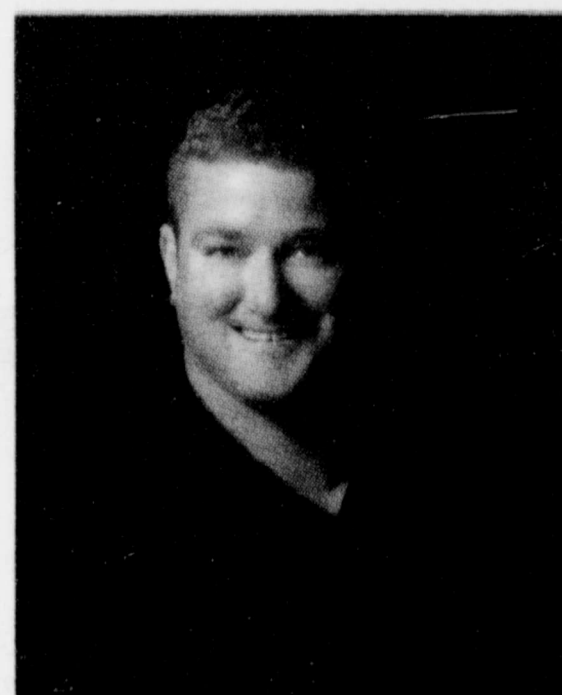


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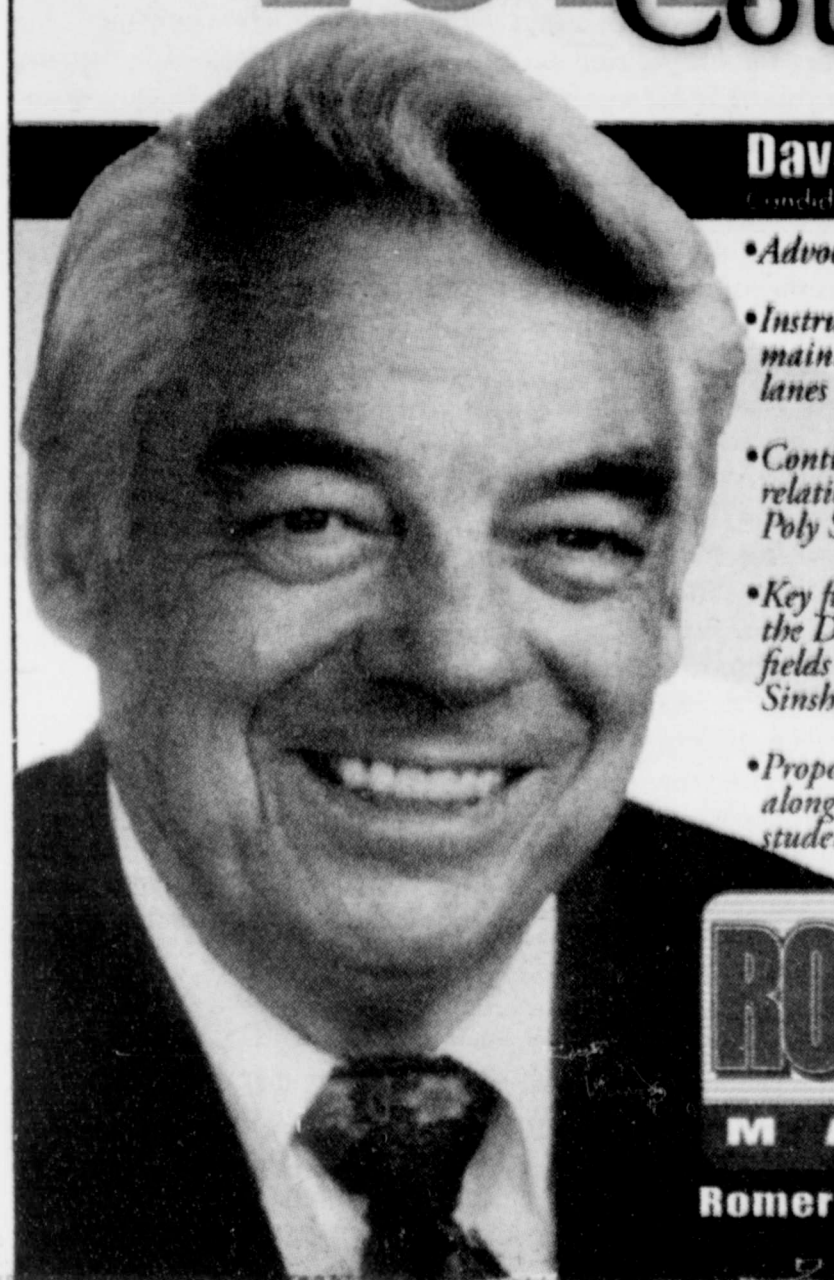


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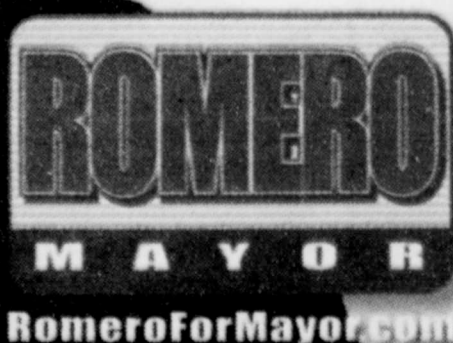
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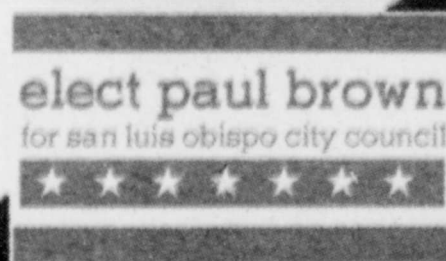


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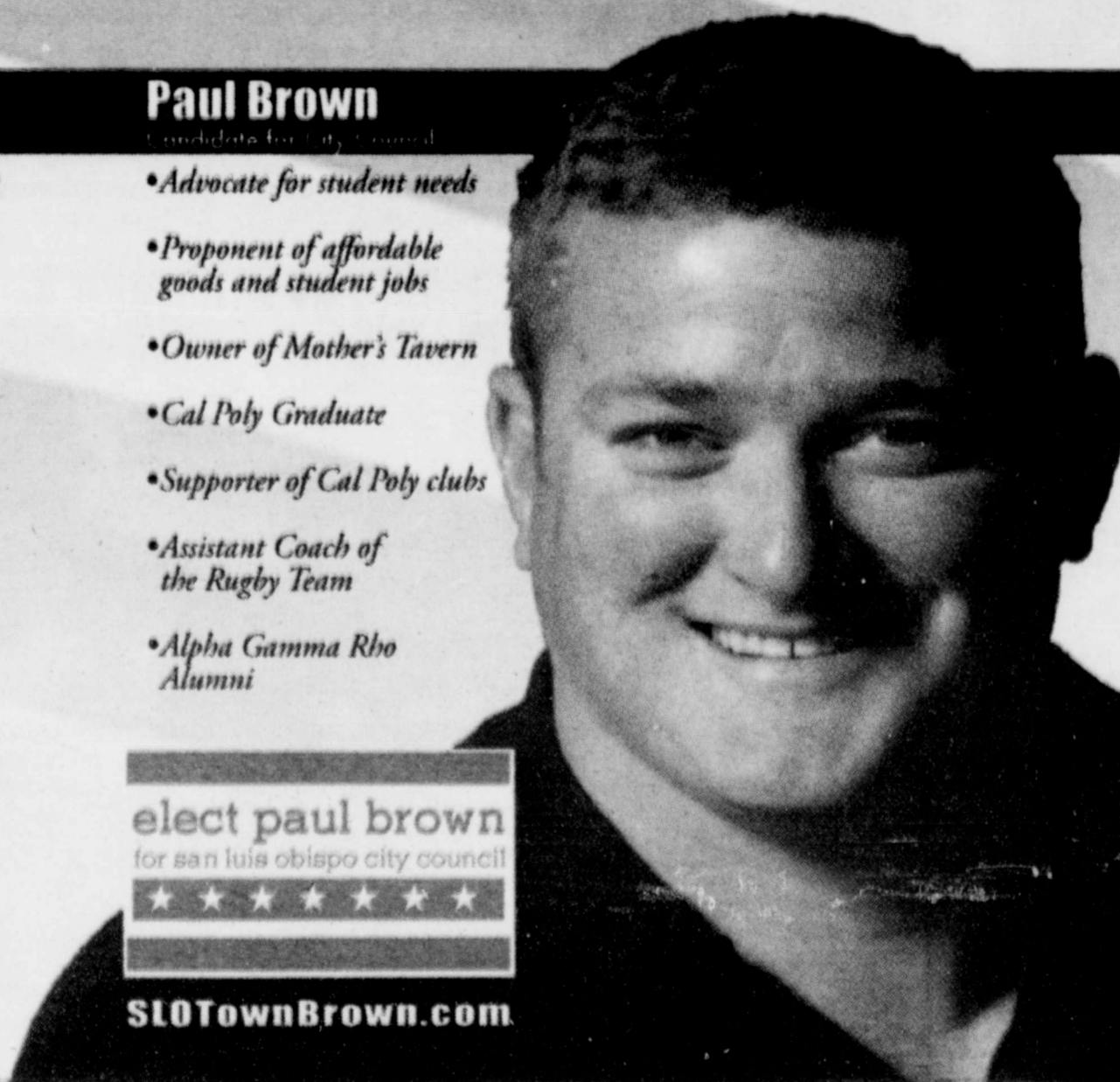
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Free coffee and Nintendo: f-Stop lounge a procrastinator's fantasy

Natasha Toto
MUSTANG DAILY

Deep within the basement of Cal Poly's architecture building lies a coffee lounge where students can escape the commotion of campus life.

The f-Stop provides students with a 24-hour coffee supply and a place to relax, take a nap or just hang out.

Architecture junior Amy Strazzarino said f-Stop runs on donations by order of campus din-

ing.

"We can't make a profit since we are not licensed to sell anything on campus," Strazzarino said.

The coffee lounge is supported and operated by the American Institute of Architecture Students on campus. AIAS uses the donations collected to supply the lounge with coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

For years this untapped resource has gone unnoticed by the majority of students on campus. Students who

have never visited f-Stop may have to search for it. The lounge is hidden beneath the stairs of the architecture building, around the corner in the stair court. A few feet down the dark hallway to the left is f-Stop, building 5, room 109.

Strazzarino said f-Stop's doors are open to all majors, 24 hours a day.

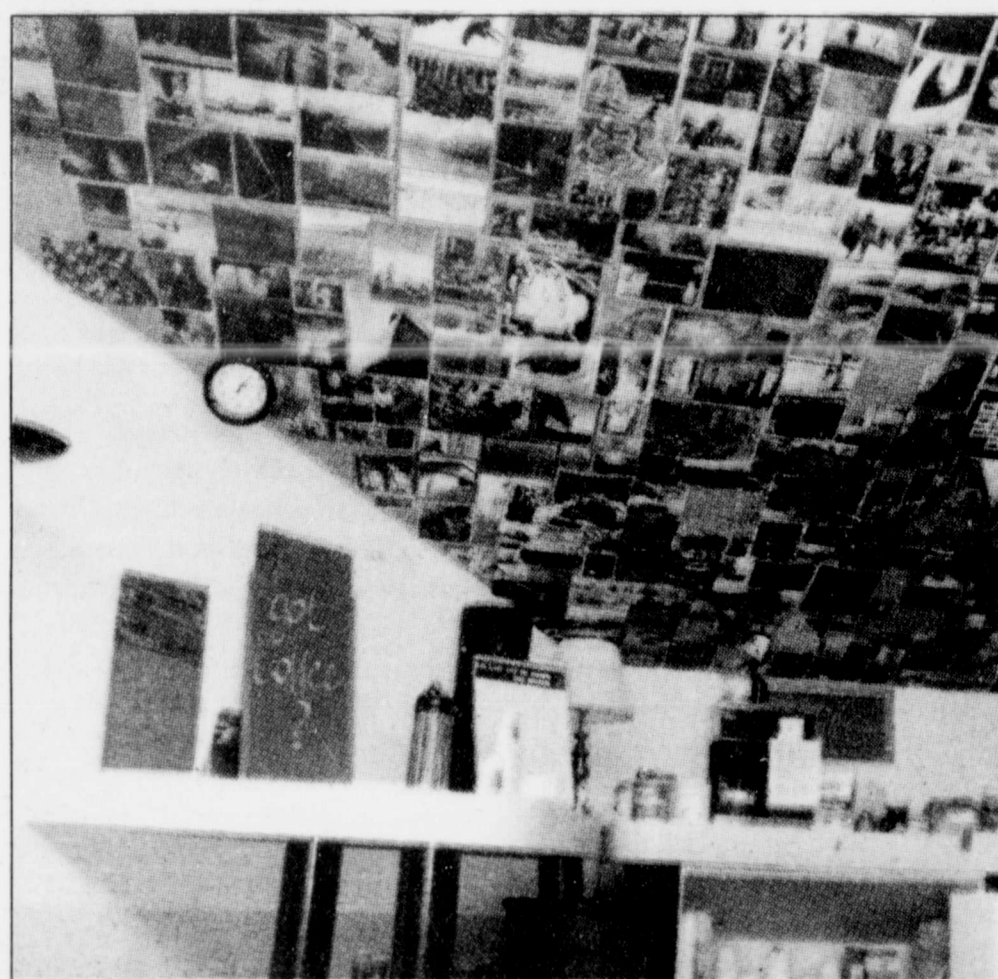
"No one really hangs out there except architecture students," Strazzarino, treasurer of AIAS, said. "Our club sees f-Stop the most since we hold our meetings there."

Mechanical engineering senior Adam Franklin said he never heard of f-Stop.

"I stay on campus pretty late doing projects," Franklin said. "It's nice to know there is a place I can go to get a cup of coffee and relax."

Over the years, students and faculty have also donated a number of items that give f-Stop its inviting atmosphere.

The lounge's slanted ceiling is decorated with hundreds of pictures and photographs, and the walls are painted



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

F-stop, the relatively unknown coffee lounge, is a treasure buried deep inside the architecture building. F-Stop offers free coffee and more.

with colorful shapes and road signs.

On the coffee bar, next to the cups and lids, is a dry-erase board where students can see when the last pot of coffee was brewed.

Students are welcome to use the microwave, refrigerator, television and video games.

If playing Nintendo or watching "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" is too much work, anyone is welcome to pull out the sofa bed and take a nap.

Also, in the corner of the room there are piles of pillows and blankets for students who want some shut-eye.

"Architecture students pull all-nighters all the time," said Strazzarino. "It is nice to have a place to relax, get some coffee or take a nap at 4 a.m."

With careful inspection, one can see the chalk tally where architecture students keep track of their all-night

sessions on the corner wall.

F-stop provides a boost of caffeine to all those who crave it. Unfortunately, its future has never been secure.

The lounge's donation-only policy works on the honor system. Since the shop is always open and the doors are never locked, f-Stop is vulnerable.

This past summer, donations and supplies were stolen from the lounge.

"Someone stole our money and radio, and then proceeded to take a giant stop sign we had mounted on the wall for decoration," Strazzarino said.

Without the proper funding, the coffee lounge will have to close its doors, which would leave a lot of students without fuel as they chalk up one more all nighter on the wall.

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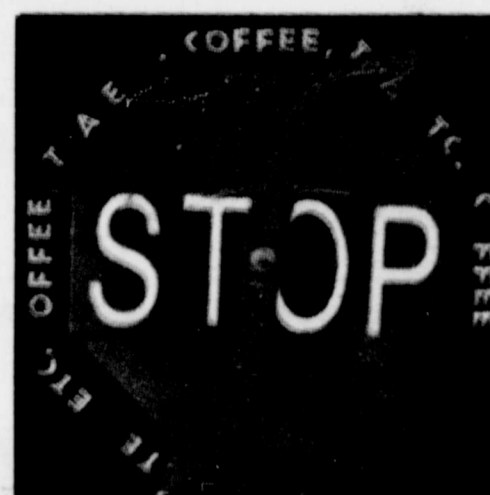
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5. My Neck, My Back
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6. "Millionaire" — Kelis ft
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7. "You Won't Forget
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COMMENTARY

Bad habits don't beget bad music

A few years ago I found out that my uncle wouldn't listen to Led Zeppelin because they had a reputation for sex, drugs and trashing hotel rooms. I listened in quiet shock, wondering how anyone who had the opportunity to fill his life with Zeppelin would pass. I tried hard to understand his decision, but all I could think about was Robert Plant's vocal chords.

I suppose there is an element of disappointment when the stars that I idolize turn out to be jerks or drug addicts. Probably half the artists I listen to have taken advantage of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle, which, honestly, is fine with me.

Obviously, music and personality come hand in hand these days. I look up to Bono and other artists who put their money and effort into good causes—but that doesn't necessarily make me like their music more, just as bad habits don't make me dislike their music. Music is music and it manifests itself through the artist, whatever he or she may be into. When I listen to Led Zeppelin, I suppose there are aspects of their music that insinuate drugs, but all I hear is how amazing they were as a group. Their music is unparalleled and their personal lives were a completely separate thing.

Some artists today are combining their personalities with their music, which works in some cases. Eminem, though hated by some, chose to use his desire for controversy in his music and music videos. I believe it works for him. If you search for "controversial music" on the Internet, Eminem will dominate the results. Obviously he has a large following — some people just get sick of the world and need someone to make jokes about it.

A classic idea of artist-as-jerk is Oasis. Everybody remember them? I think in middle school I sang "Wonderwall" down the halls until my voice was shot. Back then, I wasn't reading about my favorite artists, but I heard through the grape vine that Liam Gallagher was a grown-up punk. Walking off stage in the middle of a show and leaving his poor brother to do an acoustic set just sounded TOO rock 'n' roll. Sure, he can do whatever he wants and his managers and PR agents will still repair his reputation and get him more gigs. But did it really hurt his reputation at all? Some would say no press is bad press.

In a more basic and general way, there are tons of artists and bands who come across as the "bad boys" (or girls) of music: Black Sabbath, The Rolling Stones, Guns n' Roses, Aerosmith, Marilyn Manson, Metallica, Smashing Pumpkins, Hole and Vercu Salt they have all had encounters with the law or just been advertised as just rebels.

Whether or not the personal controversy of artists helps or hinders their careers, I believe it ultimately shouldn't matter. Some artists' personal lives will interest me for one reason or another, but the music is what I care about. The music is why they're in the spotlight. Well, most of the time.

Emily Logan is a journalism and music junior and a Mustang Daily columnist.

Download of the day



The Zombies
"Time of the Season"

"Yeah, I know I have heard this song before. It's great, but who wrote it?" The Zombies may have been the most overlooked British psychedelic band of the 1960s. Their music resembles the Beatles, the Beach Boys and possibly the Velvet Underground.

Courtesy of city and regional planning senior Aaron "no nickname" Ackerman

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As citizens we should be critical of the president

I am writing in response to Emily Curran's article titled "It's our job as citizens to stand behind the president." I emphasize the title because that statement alone is completely ridiculous. But perhaps most ridiculous is the closing statement: "It is then our job as citizens to stand with him and see beyond our circumstantial arguments and preserve our national identity and freedom."

You are a political science senior, and after four years of education you still have no idea what the responsibilities of a citizen are. In the long list of responsibilities a citizen has, standing behind the president is near the bottom. If anything, it is our civic duty to look at all politicians with a critical eye and make sure they are doing what we think is best for the country. But stating that it is our job to stand behind the president is probably a statement you would find on propaganda posters in Italy or Germany around 1939. In short, it's fascism.

Should you have stood by Clinton when he was going through the Lewinsky scandal because he was having a rough time? No! Should you have stood by Bush for going to war when there is not a single WMD to be found? No! Quite frankly there is not a single thing circumstantial about having an affair or completely missing the biggest reason to go to war.

Julian Corwin

Electrical engineering junior

Bushman continues to count articles for winner

I hate to repeat myself, but it seems Bushman is begging me to restate and reaffirm the obvious.

In Bushman's response he attacked my criticism of his logic by "more of the same." He did his homework for this one by counting even more papers' articles — even over two entire weekends! If he were to take a moment out of his busy schedule to think about what I wrote, he would have seen that I was mocking his logic entirely, not the useless facts it refers to. I was asking him and others to choose a debate winner themselves and not count/be persuaded/be tricked by the both sides' swinging media.

I'll even admit that I know



PEDRO MOLINA NEWSART

some papers will respond to a Republican win or loss in the way he suggests. Then again, these same newspapers even endorse candidates outright!

The fact remains that he continues counting articles to decide on a winner.

Bushman also tries to refute that he never said "liberal media" and yes, I'll admit, he's right. You see, when someone with integrity is attempting to prove something (e.g. "(noticing) less coverage of the debates that Bush does well in"), they are honest enough to explain what they are attempting to prove.

In other words, if you weren't implying a liberal media, what were you suggesting Bushy?

It appears you are lazier than ever Bushman. Quit writing and persuading gullible Republicans to be more annoying.

Marc Breverman

Mechanical engineering sophomore

Answer to peacekeeping in Iraq may include a draft

Whether or not you feel we should be in Iraq is now beside the point. The question now is: Are our efforts being carried out properly and are you willing to die for the decisions Bush is making?

We face a greater threat today because Bush has overstretched the

U.S. military, thus compromising national security.

As reported by the New York Times, Donald Rumsfeld's Defense Science Board recommended this month that the United States cut back on peacekeeping efforts or substantially increase the number of troops in the field.

Recruitment has plummeted and support from our short list of allies is weakening. You do the math. Here's a clue — the answer rhymes with RAFT.

Jack Martin, the head of the Selective Service stated that if the draft is reinstated, "there would be no long deferments for college students and a lot more people could be eligible for the draft than before: men and women ages 18 to 26 could be called up."

By waging unilateral wars on so many fronts, Bush has weakened our homeland security and created more anti-American sentiment than ever before. Sounds like a recipe for terrorism to me! Soon Bush's backdoor draft is going to fail, and those soldiers are going to need to be replaced. We need a president that will build stronger trust in allies by clearly defining peacekeeping goals. Save our national security from Bush's recklessness. Save your own ass.

Henry Swales

Aerospace engineering senior

COMMENTARY

Students need more candidate information

The headshot of the Democratic candidate for State Senate sitting atop a donkey faces off against the headshot of the Republican candidate sitting atop an elephant. This is the front of a leaflet sent in the mail that claims to tell "where (the candidates) really stand on the important issues." Open the leaflet, and you can read the donkey candidate rip the elephant candidate a new one.

This is where they really stand?

Another mailer advertises this donkey candidate offering "leadership with integrity." I didn't know integrity entailed ripping the opposition apart like anchovies off a pizza when you can't stomach the little eyeballs.

Yes, this local election is a down and dirty knockdown, where the real issues are anyone's guess. Potential student voters are left with little or no factual, unbiased information on local political candidates.

There are plenty of TV commercials attacking candidates' opponents and few that speak positively of the candidate the commercial was designed to promote. Second grade has long since passed. Haven't we established that it's wrong to call a classmate names just because you don't like him or her?

Countless glossy, colorful sheets of "information" come in the mail.

Sometimes this information is specifically geared toward students. Cool, but I don't care that you own a local bar and you're a fraternity alumni. It's not relevant.

Then there are the signs around campus, littering Dexter Lawn and elsewhere. Signs that say someone's name and that's it. Gee, that's a pretty name. They get my vote!

The Cal Poly College Republicans said the signs provide name recognition of the candidates. Okay, I see your name. But I'm still not going to vote for you because I don't know who you are or what your issues are.

True, the College Republicans said they offer meet-the-candidate barbecues, opportunities for debate and forum and other such activities to promote the Republican vote, but most students only have time in their day to walk by the signs on the way to class. Barbecues are a nice thought, but they do not reasonably fit into the average student's day.

The Cal Poly Democrats said they put the signs out to get students more interested in other candidates, to encourage them to look up information on the candidates or come talk to the club to get more information.

But not every student knows if they are Republican or Democrat. These students may be wary of approaching these organizations because they can't be sure they're getting all the facts.

Cal Poly students should be accountable for looking into local candidates if they want to vote. However, they shouldn't have to jump through flaming hoops to find some decent facts.

Ideally, a nonpartisan club on campus should spread the word about all candidates and pass out voter information guides similar to what the state sends out. Alas, this is not a perfect world. Until then, I'll be staring at the signs on Dexter Lawn, trying to figure out whose name sounds the most efficient.

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Increasingly, families of soldiers killed in Iraq turn against war

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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO — Ken Gardner is proud he enlisted in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and proud his son followed that same path, telling him that going to fight in Iraq was the right choice.

Gardner's voice breaks as he recalls that parting conversation, a goodbye said through a bus window last winter at a Southern California Marine base. His son, 20-year-old Lance Cpl. Derek Gardner, was killed in a suicide car bomb attack last month — three weeks before he was due home.

The father, a third-generation combat veteran, is still proud of his son. But he no longer supports the war. He doesn't want other families to experience the same paralyzing grief that deprives him of sleep or prompts him to break down sobbing.

"I want all our Marines to come home ... Let's just get out of there," Gardner said in an interview at his Orange County home, where he surrounds himself with photos of Derek and even hangs his son's combat fatigues on a wall near the television for company.

In changing his opinion of the war, Gardner joins a growing list of people who have lost family members in Iraq and have become poignant opponents of the invasion. Some actively support John Kerry over President Bush; others, such as Gardner, find politics beside the point.

"I'm not a Bush fan or a Kerry fan. I'm nobody's fan except my son. He is my hero," said Gardner, 54, a hulking former ironworker on disability from his job at a cable company.

When the war started, the families of those killed in action seemed invariably to say they found comfort that their loved ones died for a good cause. Most continue to express that view, but it's no longer the automatic response.

There is the Ohio father who posted a sign outside his home with the message "Thanks Mr. Bush for the death of our son," and the bereaved New Jersey mother

detained for interrupting a speech by first lady Laura Bush. In Minnesota, relatives of a dead Marine protested outside an appearance by Vice President Dick Cheney.

An August poll by Quinnipiac University found that a majority of voters from military families in Pennsylvania said the war was wrong.

One of them is Christine Weismantle, a Pittsburgh nurse whose husband was killed in Baghdad a year ago. She no longer feels the invasion was worth the cost in casualties — but she also worries her criticism could hurt troop morale.

"We should still support the troops and what they're doing. They're not the ones calling the shots," said Weismantle, 28, who plans to vote Nov. 2 for the first time ever. Her criteria for presidential candidate: who will end the war soonest.

Still, she is not a political activist.

Weismantle said she won't attend any demonstrations or join Military Families Speak Out, a group of relatives of active duty personnel opposed to the war that has signed up about 1,700 members since it formed in November 2002.

"The worst thing that could ever happen to me happened," Weismantle said. "It takes all my energy just to go to work."

Gardner faces the same paralyzing grief. He walked out of a restaurant crying at the sight of a newspaper photo of returning Marines. One night when he again couldn't sleep, Gardner wrote a lengthy essay about his son's death, detailing what he says was the military's failure to protect Derek's convoy from attack.

He has asked military officials why the convoy had no air support, leaving it exposed to the suicide bomb attack that also killed six other Marines. Gardner, who guarded convoys as a Marine in Vietnam, says he hasn't gotten a satisfactory answer.

"They had a plan A to get rid of Saddam, but they had no plan B, what was going to happen after Saddam," he said bitterly.

"I'm not a Bush fan or a Kerry fan. I'm nobody's fan except my son. He is my hero."

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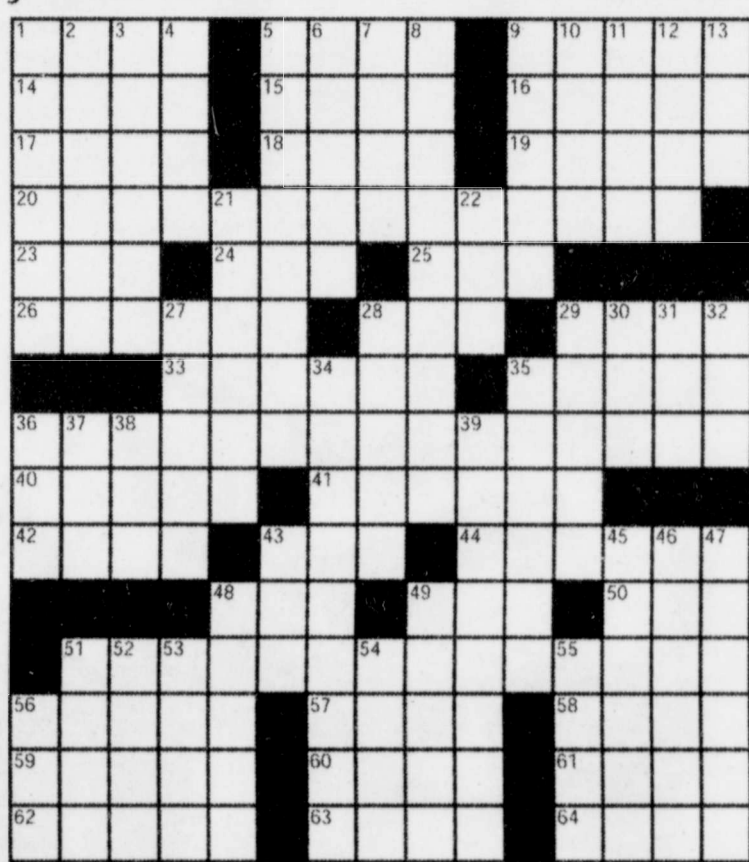
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Cross country

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Cal Poly head coach Mark Conover was named the Men's Coach of the Year for the fifth time.

The Mustangs outdistanced second place Utah State by 30 points (37-67) despite having Tevor Ball (24:08) and Clark Bryner (24:16) finish one-two for the Aggies. UC Santa Barbara was third (73 pts) followed by UC Irvine (103 pts.), CSU Fullerton (117 pts.), Long Beach State (158 pts.), Idaho (202), UC Riverside (221 pts.) and Cal State Northridge (238 pts.).

The Cal Poly women's team placed fourth at this year's championships, an improvement from fifth last year.

Cal Poly senior Amber Simmons was the top Mustang runner with a time of 21:07 in 11th place on the 6,000-meter course. Rachael Lange finished in 16th (21:31) followed by Katie Murphy in 18th (21:36), Rachel Peters in 26th (21:57) and Lauren Magdaleno in 28th (21:59).

UC Santa Barbara runners, Lauren Christman (20:35) and Lindsay Christman (20:38), placed one-two in leading the Gauchos to the women's title with 29 pts. Idaho placed second (47 pts.), Utah State third (66 pts.) followed by Cal Poly in fourth with 99 pts.

Both the men's and women's teams will return to action on Nov. 13 at the West Regional in Fresno.

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just threw it up there and they got it."

Garnett had a similar take on his receivers.

"Great receivers make great quarterbacks," Garnett said. "I put it up there and said 'Go get it.'"

And go get it was what they did.

Davis impatiently put the scoreboard to work nine minutes into the first quarter when Grant threw a long dart to wide receiver Jesse Oliva who caught a fade pass and finished a side pattern scurrying up the home sideline for a 70-yard touchdown.

Cal Poly would not be outdone, pulling out its most touted weapon.

Less than a minute later, Darrell Jones took a pass and headed up the opponent 35-yard line untouched to the end zone.

But the Aggies stole the momentum after Garnett went out with pain in his hamstring.

Ellerson sent in backup Cordell Webb who immediately fumbled the ball leading to a three-yard Aggie touchdown. The Aggies scored again less than two minutes later to take a 21-7 lead into halftime.

Yanking control back, the Mustangs scored twice in the third quarter on seven and 70-yard touchdown receptions by Jason Holmes and Jonah Russell, respectively.

Shortly into the fourth quarter, Mustang Byungwoo Yoon kicked a 42-yard field goal to give the Mustangs the lead. He would again give them the lead with 5:26 left after both teams exchanged touchdowns, before the final drive.

The Mustangs travel to Eastern Washington for a non-conference game Saturday followed by a home game against Northern Colorado. The Mustangs last game is at Sac State.

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COACH'S CORNER

This week's spotlight on ...

Swimming and diving coach
Rich FirmanChris Gunn
MUSTANG DAILY

In most Division I programs there are numerous coaches that handle not only the day to day coaching of the team but also the management of the program as a whole.

This, however, is not the case for Cal Poly swimming and diving, which has just one head coach between the three programs, Rich Firman.

After Saturday's dedication of Mott Pool to Cal Poly Hall of Fame inductee Richard Dick Anderson, Firman took some time to talk about his programs, the year ahead and the future of the swimming and diving programs.

Q. — How do you manage to coach both swimming squads as well as the diving team?

A. — I'm blessed to have volunteer assistant coaches like Phillip Yoshida and a number of the girls that we graduated last year. Without their help, I wouldn't be able to do it.

Q. — On Saturday, Mott pool was dedicated and renamed for Dick Anderson. Anderson also set up a trust that will provide Cal Poly swimmers with scholarship money in the future. What does the dedication as well as the availability of scholarship money mean to Cal Poly swimming?

A. — It's a milestone as far as Cal Poly swimming goes, we're a Division I program struggling to compete with no scholarships at all. I can't think of a more deserving person than Dick Anderson, it's a huge deal.

Q. — Last year you graduated numerous women from the squad. Is this year shaping up to be a rebuilding year? And how do you think the women's team will perform?

A. — It's definitely a rebuilding year, but I think we're going to come out all right. We're not going to be on top. We lost out on a number of girls because of scholarships, but the new girls have put up some fast times and we're working on it.

Q. — What are the major setbacks resulting from the lack of scholarships?

A. — My athletes have to work all summer long, so when they come back to practice we have to start all over again. Most teams with scholarship opportunities work year-round, but we're really in the infancy of our season right now. We've basically had 19 practices under our belt.

Football thrown a heartbreaker

UC Davis throws a final-second touchdown to top Cal Poly in an offensive shootout in front of a record Mustang Stadium crowd

Dan Watson
MUSTANG DAILY

Towels waved, bells clanked and the stands pounded as the shouting of a frenetic Mustang Stadium crowd concentrated its efforts on UC Davis quarterback Jon Grant with only 18 seconds left in a defining game.

Grant calmly sent his wide receiver in motion.

On the hike, the wide receiver spurted up the field on a decoy post-pattern, tricking Cal Poly's safety and leaving Aggie Tony Kays waiting all alone in the end zone, where the ball met him.

And then there was silence.

Cal Poly is no longer undefeated, no longer first place in the Great West Conference and now in a dogfight to the end of its season for a conference title and playoff berth. UC Davis defeated the Mustangs on a gut-knotting final drive, 36-33, in front of a record 9,387 fans.

Saturday's game took momentum swings in favor of UC Davis in the second quarter, Cal Poly in the third quarter and provided for a crazed shootout over the final 15 minutes.

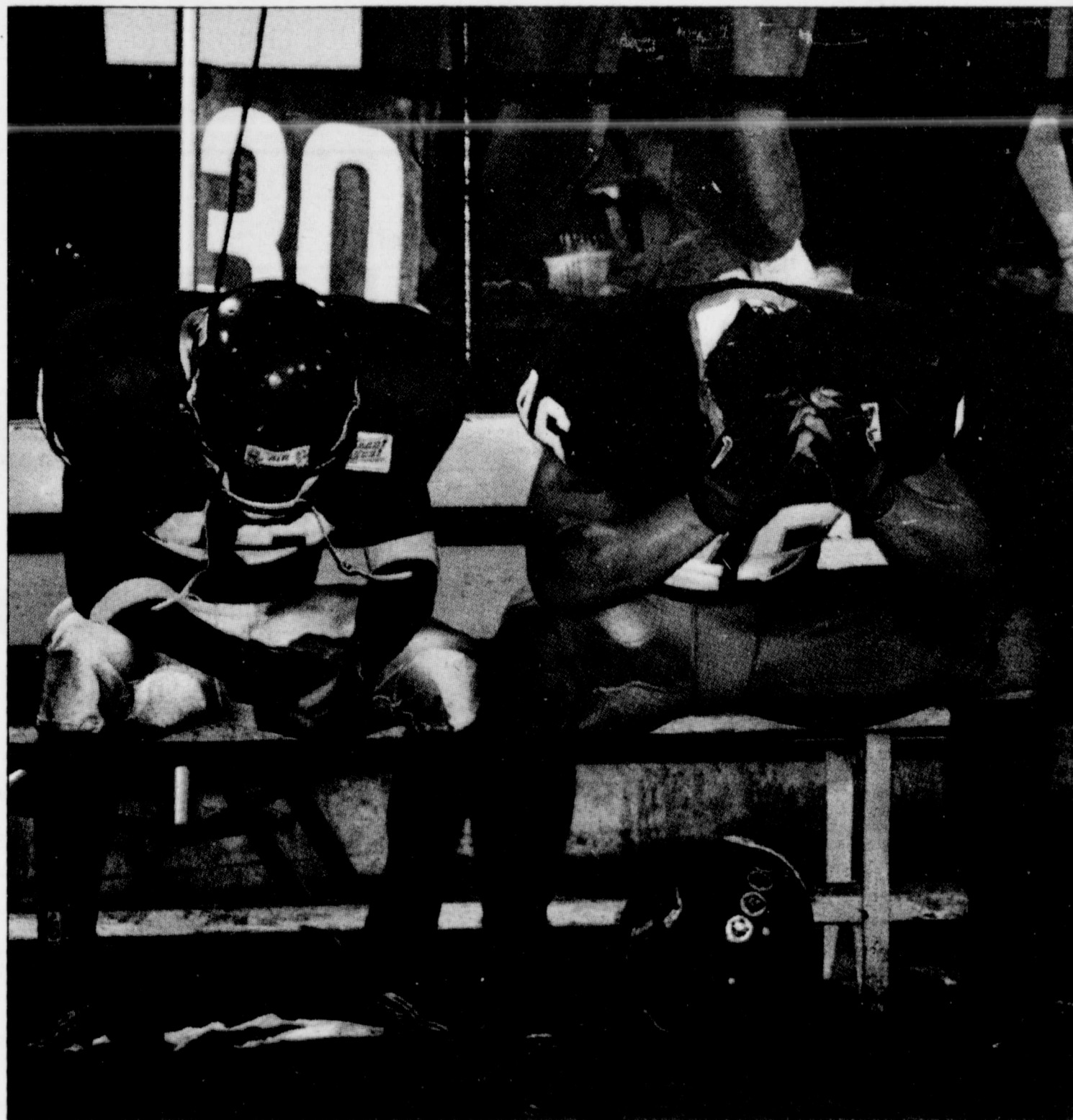
But Cal Poly's defense, which largely was responsible for the Mustangs' 7-0 start to the season and No. 5 Division I-AA ranking, failed on the most critical play.

"It was a team effort to get back into the middle of it and to take the lead," coach Rich Ellerson said. "And it was a team effort not to define one more play."

With the loss, the Mustangs (7-1, 3-1) are now tied with UC Davis in the Great West with one conference game remaining for each team and Cal Poly's Division I-AA best eight-game winning streak broken.

But this one was no roll-over by the Mustangs.

Fans from both sides stocked the regular north-and south-side



SCOTT STEBNER MUSTANG DAILY

Cornerback Karl Ivory and defensive end Kelly Turbin couldn't believe it either after the Aggies final play.

bleachers and filled the portable rodeo stands specifically brought in to hold the record-setting crowd.

Cal Poly had set its Mustang Stadium attendance record two weeks ago at homecoming against Texas State.

Other than a few quarterback options and sneaks, the run was highly ineffective against two stone-cold rushing defenses. Cal Poly was rated second in Division I-AA before the game and Davis ninth.

Opting for the air instead, success came early and often for both

teams.

Mustang quarterback Anthony Garnett completed 21 of 34 for 377 yards and threw for four touchdowns, despite suffering a quad injury in the first half.

But his high school rival, a man he had fought against for a prep league title, got the better of him.

Grant threw for 393 yards and two touchdowns while picking up another 90 yards on the ground with a rushing touchdown.

"We made enough plays on offense, defense and in the kicking game to give ourselves a chance," Ellerson said. "But we came in just

short."

The game seemed all but over with only 2:48 remaining after Mustang strong safety Aaron Williams recovered a Davis fumble in the Mustangs end zone.

But Cal Poly mustered only one first down and kicked the ball off to Davis.

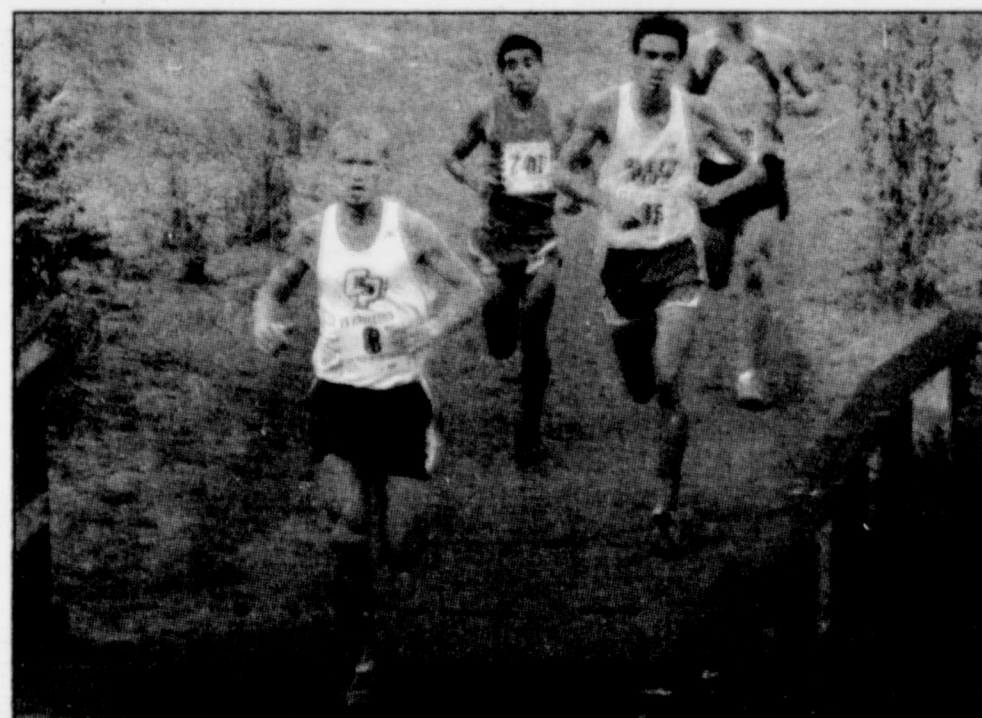
It was then that Grant led the Aggies on a four-play, 53-yard drive capped by the game-winning touchdown to Kays.

"My receivers were making plays," Grant said. "A lot of times I

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BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cross country men are Big West champions again



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Mustang Luke Llamas finished eighth overall with a time of 24:28.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

It wasn't even close.

The Cal Poly men's cross country team captured its fifth title in seven years and its second consecutive Saturday at the Big West Cross Country Championships in Riverside and the women's team placed fourth.

The men's team won the title with 37 points with five scoring runners in the top 10. Cal Poly's Blake Swier was the top Mustang runner with a time of 24:20 on the 8,000-meter course.

Swier placed third overall and the next four Mustangs finished seventh through 10th to take first at Riverside. The spread between the Mustangs pack of four was less than 10 seconds. Andy Coughlin finished seventh with a time of 24:25 followed by Luke Llamas

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(24:28), Jeff Porto (24:29), and Ryan Moorcroft (24:32).

The other

Mustangs competing in the race, Brandon Collins and Phillip Reid finished 14th (24:49) and 15th (24:54).

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